Kentucky Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Board

February 27, 2012

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Board was conducted on February 27, 2012 at the Office of Occupations and Professions, in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Members Present

Nic Weatherly, Ph.D., Chairman Steve Foreman Stephen Wood Stan Bittman, Ph.D. Shelli Deskins, Ph.D., Vice Chairman Brady Dunnigan, Attorney at Law Scott Brinkman, Attorney at Law

Members Absent

Occupations and Professions Personnel

Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator Jeremy Horton, Deputy Executive Director

Others

Mark Brengelman, Office of the Attorney General

DJ Wasson, Department of Insurance Sharron Burton, Dept. of Insurance Sharon Clark, Dept. of Insurance

Call to Order

Dr. Weatherly called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 23, 2012 meeting were presented for the Board's review. Mr. Foreman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Bittman seconded that motion and it carried.

<u>Discussion of Treatment by Unlicensed Supervisees (Department of Insurance)</u>

Sharon Clark, DJ Wasson, and Sharron Burton from the Department of Insurance came to speak with the Board about insurance reimbursements. Ms. Clark commented on how each insurance company seems to be reimbursing differently which is causing some confusion and the department wants to seek the Boards advice on how they imagined this would work when

creating the law. Ms. Wasson explained the department needs to have a better understanding of how each license works and how these different licenses fall under the Boards jurisdiction. Dr. Weatherly explained that licensure is based on Board Certification status. He also explained that there are Masters level and Assistant level licensees. Ms. Clark asked if each patient sees a Masters level licensee first. Dr. Weatherly explained that even Assistants can be the primary clinician. Currently the Department of Insurance has bi-weekly calls with these insurance companies and invited the Board to come and sit in on one of the phone calls so that everyone could understand the roll of the insurance company and the roll of the licensee when seeking reimbursement. The department requested a letter from the Board for record purposes explaining the intent of House Bill 159.

Financial Report

The Board reviewed its financial report.

Report from O&P

Deputy Executive Director Jeremy Horton went over the Boards financial situation and gave the Board a copy of their expenditures. The expenditures included the Administrative fees for the Office of Occupations and Professions, the Office of the Attorney General for legal fees, and all travel that has been submitted by members since the first Board meeting in 2010. Mr. Horton explained that the Board's FY 2011 O&P administrative fees will be waived and the office will only be taking the last quarter allotment to cover FY 2012. Mr. Brinkman suggested the Board make payments to the Attorney General's Office since there weren't enough funds to handle all bills. Mr. Brinkman made a motion that the Board pays the first three invoices that were submitted by the Attorney General's Office for legal services. Mr. Foreman seconded that motion and it passed.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. Brengelman did not have a report but was able to find the bill for the legal services from his office was incorrect and informed the Board that their total was less than what was shown on the billing statement.

Old Business

The Board continued working on Supervision regulations. Dr. Weatherly asked for Board members to provide feedback on the Supervision Regulations and he would send out a draft of what is currently written.

New Business

Ms. Lane informed the Board that they had four new applications to review and possibly license. Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the Behavior Analyst applications submitted by Nelson Rodriguez, Rachel Lauletta, and Jason Simmons. Mr. Foreman seconded that motion and it carried. The Board will review the application submitted by Luisa Ortiz-Aguayo once she has submitted her missing documentation. Ms. Lane will contact Ms. Ortiz-Aguayo.

Travel and Per Diem

Mr. Brinkman made a motion to approve travel and per diem for today's meeting. Dr. Bittman seconded that motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board discussed moving the May meeting since the date falls during the same week as the National Conference. The Board will meet on May 14, 2012 for their regular monthly meeting.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Mr. Foreman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dunnigan seconded that motion and it carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.